

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 12-25, 35-50 and 60-66 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 12-24 are rejected. By this amendment, claims 1 and 12-24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Allowed Claims

Claims 25, 35-50 and 60-66 are allowed.¹ The Office Action indicates, *inter alia*, that [t]he prior art fails to disclose estimating surface reflectance properties of the real existing object based on 3D image data obtained and polygon mesh thereby generating a bump map."²

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1 and 12-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention.³

As indicated above, claims 1 and 12-24 have been canceled thereby rendering the rejections directed to these claims moot.

Applicant believes that the application as amended containing only allowed claims (i.e., claims 25, 35-50 and 60-66) is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

¹ Paragraph four (4) of the Office Action.

² Paragraph five (5) of the Office Action.

³ Paragraph three (3) of the Office Action.

AUTHORIZATION

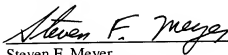
No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4827 (Order No. 1232-5285). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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